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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY BY THE U.S. AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACIES. (By V. Popov. *Pravda* 25.12.59. Complete text.) In preparing a new war against the U.S.S.R. and the people's democracies, reactionary U.S. circles are conducting a vigorous armaments race, reviving imperialism in Western Germany, organizing aggressive blocs and setting up military bases in various parts of the world. At the same time they are attempting to undermine from within the defensive capacity of states in the democratic camp. Though the work of American intelligence is kept secret for quite understandable reasons, information which has leaked out to the foreign press and the evidence of captured spies make it possible to ascertain both the scale of subversive activity and the methods used by American agents.

The "cloak and dagger" policy has been elevated essentially to the level of government policy. This is precisely how the world public appraised the adoption by the American Congress in 1950 of Truman's amendment to the Mutual Security Act, an amendment without precedent in the history of international relations. Under this amendment, hundreds of millions of dollars are appropriated to maintain "any selected persons who have lived in the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania¹ or people who have fled from these countries, either to unite them in military divisions supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or for other purposes." As is evident from the text of the law and from speeches by Congressmen, these "selected persons" are to be trained to participate in a projected military attack on the U.S.S.R. and the people's democracies and for use as spies and saboteurs until that time. At first it was a matter of financing subversive activity against the U.S.S.R. and the European people's democracies. Later the American aggressors extended the "Mutual Security Act" to cover the people's democracies of Asia.

The fact that organization of espionage and sabotage has been raised to the level of government policy by the U.S.A. is far from accidental. The United States has for a long time conducted the notorious "cold war" against countries of the democratic camp. Seeing how attempts to weaken the democratic states through economic blockade, diplomatic blackmail and international provocations have failed one after another, the American imperialists counted more and more on subversive activity. The American press speaks of this frankly. For example, in mentioning plans for intensifying the "cold war," the weekly *Newsweek* wrote that the Eisenhower government intends "to place still greater stress on subversive work." The rising stream of American agents sent to the people's democracies is evidence of this. The newspaper *Jen Min Jih Pao* reported that the number of American spies sent into Chinese territory has risen

sharply since the end of the Korean War.

Hundreds of millions of dollars, mostly from government funds, are openly and secretly spent every year in the U.S.A. for maintaining a huge espionage apparatus. The fact that appropriations increase annually is very indicative. In 1958, for example, Congress allowed the American government to use for subversive activity "any additional funds" designated by the budget for the "aims of the North Atlantic pact." The monopolies also take a direct part in financing espionage and sabotage. The so-called "Ford Foundation," the "Rockefeller Foundation" and others exist for this purpose in the U.S.A.

The veteran intelligence officer Allan Dulles, brother of present Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, heads the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), which directs all espionage and sabotage. According to the foreign press, many thousands of people work for this agency. According to unofficial data, this agency spends approximately 1,000,000,000 dollars annually. It unifies the activity of subversive agencies of the State Department, Army, Navy and several other departments which have secret service centers abroad. The Central Intelligence Agency utilizes the intelligence services of countries belonging to the Atlantic bloc and of several other states dependent on the U.S.A. and to a considerable extent directs their work.

American intelligence tries to extend its network around the entire globe. But its attention is focused on the camp of peace-loving, democratic countries and it directs its main forces against this camp.

In fulfilling the orders of Wall Street, the Central Intelligence Agency tries to set up a ramified secret service network in the democratic states. Because these countries have no social base upon which the imperialists can rely, their organizers of subversion have great difficulty in finding "cadres"; thus American intelligence counts mainly on criminals, traitors, war criminals and other ruffians. The newspaper *Daily Worker* stated that the money spent under the Truman amendment recruits "quitting and collaborationists from Eastern Europe who 'peddle false promises of anti-Communist 'revolutions' in countries where they have absolutely no influence.'"

Recruited agents are usually trained at special courses and in schools. After receiving the appropriate training they are sent to countries in the democratic camp. Centers for sending out spies are situated in Western Germany, Austria, Japan and in Taiwan. They are especially concentrated in Western Germany and in West Berlin. The newspaper Berliner Zeitung am Montag reported that there are more than 60 secret service agencies in West Berlin, most of them American.

American intelligence gives its agents various tasks. The recruited spies and saboteurs must collect secret information of a political, military or economic nature; must carry out measures to undermine the economy of countries of the democratic camp; must incite working people against their popular governments. Special attention is paid to undermining the morale of people by spreading various false rumors, fear of American "military might," etc.

American imperialists think that all this will finally create conditions which will facilitate armed attack on the people's democracies and the restoration of the capitalist order.

Counting on and underlining all the criminal activity of American intelligence. For example, agents of the Hitlerite general Gahlen's espionage agency, subsidized by the U.S.A., are supplied with instructions, called "general instructions for all." These "instructions" contain concrete tasks for "situation X" which means the beginning of aggressive military action against countries of the democratic camp. One of the tasks is to determine the "effectiveness of allied air raids" on railroad lines, highways, bridges and large communications centers.

As far as work methods are concerned, American subversives follow basically the example of the Hitlerite gangsters. Gen. Eisenhower, an American specialist in espionage and sabotage went frankly that Uncle Sam uses methods of subversion learned out by Hitler and Mussolini. But he acknowledged the U.S.A. has gone still further than its unlucky teachers, "particularly in lying and sabotage."

Indeed, American intelligence does not hesitate to use any means to achieve its criminal aims.

Reactionary U.S. circles require their agents to learn as much as possible about the defense capacity of peace-loving states and about their military and industrial potential. In fulfilling this order American spies try to photograph military objectives, steal secret documents and overhear conversations.

The most varied methods are used to subvert the system of people's democracy. It is U.S. imperialists who inspired many of the conspiracies and provocations against people's governments. They do not hesitate to murder leaders of state and Party agencies in order, on the one hand, to disorganize the work of these agencies to a certain extent, and, on the other hand, to frighten the people and force them to refrain from active participation in public life. This was the task assigned to the American-Kuomintang spies arrested recently by the Shanghai public security administration. Terrorist acts are supplemented by various kinds of forgeries and forged documents intended to make the people dissatisfied with their popular government.

The so-called "Group to Fight Inhumanity," which is actually a branch of American intelligence in Western Germany, sought to arouse distrust of the state institutions of the German Democratic Republic by distributing false notices of taxes due. American agents try to discredit people's democratic governments by such methods as spreading lies and leaflets with false information. Here is a typical example. "Radio Free Europe," which was set up in Western Germany with American funds, does not confine its activity to spreading all possible lies over the air. American agents working at this radio station regularly send up balloons bearing provocative leaflets, to float these into Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The methods used by American intelligence to subvert the economy of democratic states are no less vile. American hirelings try through sabotage to disrupt the normal work of industrial enterprises and transportation in these countries, and to disorganize the work of the administrative and economic apparatus. Describing the criminal activity of the C.I.A. in the people's democracies, the American magazine The Saturday Evening Post boasted that "one agent, trained in trade union work, started a slow down. In another country a C.I.A. agent directed a group of saboteurs to set up an obstruction on the main railway line." American spies and saboteurs do not even stop at inflicting direct harm on the national economy. For example, in the middle of 1954 a secret service center located in Western Germany tried to destroy forests, harvests and buildings in the German Democratic Republic with incendiary materials. It became clear during the trial of a group of saboteurs in Usti nad Labem (Czechoslovakia) that this group intended to infect livestock in agricultural cooperatives by bacteriological means.

This is a far from complete list of the methods used by the organizers of a "secret war." But working people in the countries of the democratic camp are vigilantly guarding their accomplishments from the intrigues of imperialist hirelings. Hornets' nests of American intelligence are being smoked out one after another. More than 1200 spies and saboteurs were caught by state security agencies with the help of the people in 1952-1953 in Czechoslovakia alone.

Significantly, agents recruited by American intelligence are themselves beginning to realize the hopelessness of attempts through diversion, terror and sabotage to disrupt the building of a new life. This is why they surrender voluntarily to state security agencies with increasing frequency. For example, dozens of imperialist agents confessed to the people's police of the German Democratic Republic in 1954.

The working people of the countries of the camp of democracy and socialism realize that while capitalism exists the imperialists will not stop in their attempts to disrupt the construction of a new society with the help of the lowest methods. This is why they will strengthen their vigilance and watchfully follow the plots of American intelligence.